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Owens,

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Affidavit- John Dunn.

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* (3) Jacob Wheat

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State of Missouri etc. David Wheat was in the
regular service of the United States in the year
one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine or eighty
as a private in Capt. George's company stationed
at Fort Jefferson under the chief command
of Genl. John Rogers Clark entered the service
at Louisville by numbers distinctly Capt.
George Owings who was elected and his
company organized by the order of Genl.
Clark and who went with him with his
company and others from Louisville to Fort
Jefferson that his Capt. Owings company
(together with others) were engaged in
two battles with the Indians while at Fort
Jefferson in which he (Owings) greatly
distinguished himself and in our opinion
in that, collected with his own hand
in the year eighteen hundred and eighty two
officers it was we and all ordered to
the service remained at Fort Nelson

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Some years afterwards I heard that Owings
was captured by a party of Indians what
became of him I do not know

I always understood that Capt. Owings belonged
to Genl George Rogers Clark's regiment as
Clark promised them lands for their
services. Owings was a brave man, and
his services were not inferior to any man of
my acquaintance. I remember that his wife
name was Charity. She was a large woman
and rather saith not

David Wheat
the 1st of May 1840
New Madrid county, Missouri. In the execution
of the peace in back for the country friends do
hereby certify that the above & foregoing statement
of Capt. Wheat was given to & witnessed
before me in the form of law, and I do
further certify that I have been acquainted with
Capt. David Wheat a number of years and that
his character for truth & veracity has never been
questioned to my knowledge he is as he informs
me eighty years of age his mind appears to
be vigorous & good memory and understanding

State of Missouri
County of New Braunfels

I, Richard Barkley Clerk of the County Court
in and for the County of New Madrid in the State of Missouri
do certify that Asahel Smith whose name is subscribed to
the within and foregoing Certificate or Attestation is now and
was when he subscribed thereto in the office of Clerk of
the said County in and for the County of New Madrid in the
State of Missouri aforesaid. And that full credit ought
to be given to his official acts. And that his Certificate is
in due form of Law.

In Testimony whereof I have here
unto set my hand and affix'd the
Seal of Davis County Court at office
in the Town of New Madrid this
fifth day of June A.D. 1840

Richard Bawden M.A.

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Disposition of
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Recd
John Dunn
Enclosed the sum of one
hundred dollars to
the widow of Capt
John Dunn
of the State of Virginia
and his heirs
and wife

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Washington City

June 17. A.D. 1840

His Excellency the Governor
of the Commonwealth of Pa

Sir The enclosed Deposition of Mr
Jacob Wheat, in the claim of Capt
Ed. Owen, deceased has been forwarded to me
with a request to transmit it to you
The commissions of Capt Owen and
his death deposition pertaining to his claim
were transmitted to the Govt & Council some
time since

Very Respectfully
your most ob. Servt

J. Johnson

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Jr

L. off Virginia

Richmond June 34

No Militia officer was called to the Court, unless he quitted the Militia, & afterwards served in the Virginia State or Continental Line for 3 years, at least; or, unless he died in Virginia; or, became a Superannuated by the Reduction of the Army to which he belonged.

I return the Commission-

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John (unclear)

4 Responses

Washington (unclear)

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Charlestown Decr 17th 1839
Hank. of Mr. Morris

Sir at the request of the
Lords I have taken out letters of administration
on the Estate of Captain George Arriag ~~de~~
a copy of which is herewith enclosed, I send enclosed
also the commission of Captain George Arriag,
will you have the goodness to make Enquiry about
the amount of money due for his services
If Service has been done by the proper officers in attorney
for the sum of Captain George Arriag, there must
certainly be a considerable amount of money
as well as beauty-land due to the heirs of Captain
George Arriag

I was preparing the proper testamancy to make application for bounty lands on account of the services of Capt. Davis, I have taken an affidavit which clearly proves his services for more than three years, from the same person I learn that Capt. Davis rendered Oct. 16,

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Dismal River where they burnt him for seven days, and at his own request a man by the name of William Wells shot him to put him out of his misery; M. T. Abbott Esq of Bathsheba informs me that he has heard his grandfather frequently speak of the services and bravery of Captain Caving and of his being burnt to death and he thinks his grandmother will recollect something about him, I shall take her deposition. Master G. Clark sent me word a few days ago that he was well acquainted (from reports) with the services of and of the burnings of Captain Caving, and when the Exchange of prisoners and property took place at Vincennes that the sword of Captain George Caving was delivered to him to take to his family which he does, he speaks in the highest terms of his bravery and the services which he rendered to his country the wife of Captain Caving has been dead near thirty years

over thirty years
there is no question in my mind from the
information which I have received, but what
his services were equal to the services of any man
in that service

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They are citizens of Scott county, perhaps you
are acquainted with them, George & Thomas
Owings are the names of those men

I hope you will make the proper enquiry
in relation to this matter, and write to me
and advise me what course to pursue,

I am dear sir respectfully your

obedient Servt.

J. H. Parker

P.S. If you should find money to be due to Captain
Owings, which I suppose there is, I will authorize
you to draw it

you are request to send J. More, Gibson a
copy of the law passed last winter in relation
to payment to the government of horses lost in the
service of United States, and the regulations of
the department respecting the proof necessary to

determine if the name of Captain George Owings

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Hand of John Dunn
Washington city
D.W.

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Charles Lawrence June 10th 1840

Dear Sir

I have just returned from a visit made to the place where I have ^{been} for the deposition Jacob Wheat, which is nine months inland, which I think leaves conclusively that Capt. Owings belonged to the regular service I have had in contemplation to visit it again and see myself whether I could advance the subject of the claim or not is uncertain, feeling well satisfied as to the justice of the claim, being well satisfied also that no provision has ever been made for the payment of Capt. Owings, before his death or for his heirs since his death I feel inclined to prosecute the claim as far as possible.

You will please forward this application to the department at such season, if he thought necessary I think we can satisfy the department that no application has ever been made for the claim & that in 1834 information was obtained by yourself, the answer I hear, which is nine months inland also the reason of the claim being so long neglected by the heirs, was because of their ignorance of the law on the

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John Owings

John Owings
et al. C.
Washington City. D.C.

State of Indiana
Clark County

I, Henry Harrod,

Notary Public of the Probate Court of the County of
Clark and State of Indiana, do certify
that Administration of the Goods, chattels,
rights, credits, money, and effects which were
left by Captain George Quigley deceased, who
died intestate, is granted unto John C.
Parker, and that said John C. Parker
is authorized to administer the same according
to law.

Witness my hand and the seal of
said Court the 16th day of December
in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and
sixty nine -

Not

Henry Harrod, Notary

J. C. Parker his Agent

State of Indiana
Clark County

I, Henry Harrod,

Notary Public for the County of Clark
in said State of Indiana, do hereby certify that
on the 16th day of December one thousand

unto John C Parker, and that the said
John C Parker entered into bond as by law
required in the sum of Two thousand
Dollars, with Christopher Hobart his security
and took the Oath required by law as such
Administrator, and that the within and
foregoing contains a full, true, and complete
Copy of the Letters issued to the said John
C Parker, administrator as aforesaid, as the
same remains of record, in the Clerk's Office
of the County and State aforesaid.

I do solemnly affirm I have
herein subscribed my name and affixed
the seal of the Probate Court
of the County of Clark at Charlestown
this 16th day of December A.D. 1839.

Isaac Henry Garrod, Clerk
of the Probate Court of Clark County Ind^a,
for J. P. Kelley, his Deputy

State of Indiana
Clark County, Jr.

I, Willis M. Foster, late Judge of
the Probate Court in and to the County and State
aforesaid do hereby certify that Henry Garrod
whose signature appears above (by Isaac
Kelley, whom he lawful deputy) is Clerk of our said
Court & Probate Duty commissioned and qualified
as such and that his said certificate is in due

Letters of Adm^r
on the Estates of
Capt. George de L.
for!
John. C. Richards. Agent

Dec 16. 1839

Office of Regt March 9. 1840

Col. Staff Col. Chas. Parker
Register of the Land Office Richmond

Sir I have in inclosed to you the deposition of David Evans and both your Dunn relating to the claim of Capt George Evans of Mass. David Evans and John Dunn are I believe respectable men. I am not personally acquainted with Mr Dunn but have always understood, and do believe him to be a highly respectable man and have no hesitation in saying that any statement made by him may be relied on. Other depositions can be had if thought necessary.

I have the commission of Capt George Evans given to him in the fourth year of the commonwealth of Virginia which if necessary will be sent to you. It is old and a good deal worn out. Will you be kind enough to examine the claim and when convenient advise me a line.

Very respectfully yours etc etc

John Barr

authorizing me to the business relating to said
Slain of Capt. James Shelby ^{and} for them to
receive the warrant when issued will you inform
me relative to the facts in this case. I have all
the power of the several heirs interested in the
case in my possession

Very respectfully yours
John Barr

Capt. Geo. Owings
petition for Land bounty.

Rec'd. March 14. 1841.

The evidence not sufficient
to shew that Capt Owings
was in the regular army
Rejected. D.G.
March 27. 1840.

Capt. O's commission, & the opinions of Drs
Owen & Jno. Donne, with accompt. etc., esp^r
for Jno. Com. Jan'y 6. 1841.

Washington City March 16 1840

His Excellency the Governor
of the Commonwealth
of Virginia

Sir

A few days ago the Hon. W. Chapman
enclosed a letter of mine together with the depar-
titure of Messrs John Deam of the City of Louisville
Ky & David Brown of Indiana relating to the claims
of the late Capt George Burings to Col. J. H. C.
Parker Master of the Land Office Richmond Va.
and this day rec'd a letter from Col. Parker saying
that he had forwarded the letter and documents
to your department. The Governor & council being
the proper tribunal for the adjudication of such
cases. In addition to the papers already sent now
being s^t claimed I beg leave to transmit to your
Excellency the commission given to the late
Capt George Burings together with the letters
of administration granted to John C. Parker of
Indiana upon the estate of Capt George Burings
deed and also a letter from said John C. Parker
to myself making some statement in regards to the
claim.

With high respects

I am Sir

To the right side

John Blair

Gov. David Campbell
Richmond
Virginia

the COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

To George Owinge Esq^r Gentleman.
NOW you, that from the especial Trust and Confidence reposed in your Patriotism, Fidelity, Courage, and good Conduct, you are
by these Presents, constituted and appointed Lieutenant in the District of
Springfield in the County of Illinois.

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge all the Duties appertaining to the said Office, and to hold the same according to an
Act of General Assembly entitled An Act for establishing the County of Illinois, and for the more effectual Protection and Defence thereof,
In the County of Franklin, on the 27th day of December, in the Year of the Commonwealth,

one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Two.

J. S. Goddard

State of Indiana
County of Clark

David Owings of the State
afforessa being duly sworn makes oath & says,
that his first acquaintance with Captain George Owings
commenced sometimes in April 1782, at which time
this affiant in company with his father removed to
Louisville in the state of Kentucky. Captain George Owings
was at that time in the fort at Louisville, in command
of his company. I was informed by Captain George Owings
and others of his men that they had been stationed at
the Iron banks at fort Jefferson; & they told me that
Captain George Owings had shot Colonel Colbert at fort
Jefferson while he ^{Colbert} was in command of the
Indians who were besieging the fort. This latter statement
affiant does not know of his own knowledge, but only
from hearsay at the time. This affiant ^{lived} in the fort
at the falls; from the time of his arrival there in April
1782 till the autumn of (1793) one thousand seven hundred
and eighty three, Captain George Owings remained at
the fort in command of his company, except at such
times as he was absent in pursuit of Indians on
the other side of the river. This affiant remembers
to have frequently seen Captain George Owings returning
with his company from their scouting expeditions
bearing with them prisoners & scalps.

Affiant states that in the fall of one thousand seven
hundred and eighty three the company under the
command of Captain Owings was disbanded,
and that up to that time Captain Owings retained
the command of it. After his company was disbanded

seen as follows. Captain George Owings in company with two men one named Jerry Mays, and another John Oliver had started on a hunting expedition, and on their return, they were attacked by a party of Indians who killed Mays the first fire, and captured Capt. Owings and John Oliver. The Indians took the two men and Captain Owings with them to the mouth of Vermillion River in Indiana, where they burned Captain George Owings several days by a slow fire.

These latter facts this affiant learned from Mrs Hart, and William Wells who were prisoners also present at the time of the burning; he has also heard the same statements from John Oliver, above named, and has no doubt of their their truth.

This affiant was acquainted with Charity Owings the wife of Captain George Owings for several years before the death of Captain Owings; she has been dead four or five years. Affiant further states that Captain George Owings had two sons by his wife Charity, who were named George E. Owings & Thomas Owings, and who are both living at this time in Scott County in this state.

These are the only heirs now living of whom this affiant has any knowledge - There was a daughter who is dead. This affiant is a nephew to Captain George Owings. Captain Owings & this affiant's father were half brothers.

This affiant has no interest direct or indirect in the event of the application now making by the heirs of Captain Owings for lands or other claims. Captain Owings had the reputation

State of Indiana, Clark County, 3d J^r Henry Marroo Clerk
of the Probate Court for the County of
Clark in said State of Indiana, the same being
a Court of Record do certify that on the
13 day of February in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and forty David
Owings appeared in open court and made
oath to the within affidavit and acknowl-
edged the signature to the within affidavit
and states that the matters and things set
forth in the aforesaid affidavit within
~~are~~ to be true to the best of his knowledge
and belief.

In Testimony Whereof I have but
as set my name and thereto affix-
ed the seal of the Probate Court
at Charlestown, this 13 day of
Feby AD 1840.

John Henry Marroo
State of Indiana

Clark County on -

July

I Will M. Gordon sole Judge of the Probate
Court in and for the County aforesaid The same being
now a witness do certify that Henry Marroo Esqrd is
Clerk of our said Court duly commissioned and qualified
as such and that his said Certificate is in due form of
Law I further certify that I have been personally
acquainted with David Owings whose affidavit
above appears) for a long space of time, that he is a
man of respectability and that his statement above

Pittson County,
State of Kentucky,

1820 we found out that he was a traitor
of the place in and you will be seeing him another afternoon Captain
Peter Queen who became traitor to us before he went away

That eight years ago I was engaged at the fort at the river bank
with Captain Robert George and others in the year 1777, when they arrived
under same time in the year 1787. This affair was being then over there, but
that nothing was remaining for about the term of eighteen months the
goods then returned to Fort Ross.

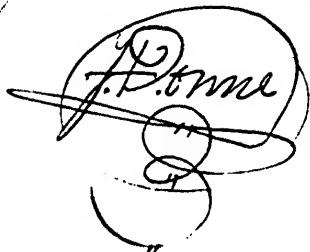
The following resolution was introduced into the Legislature of the State
of the Free State. — Resolved, — That we, the Legislature, do now
recommend to our Governor, General John C. Frémont, after consideration given
to the facts in our opinion, — that he demand to be compensated
after some certain time, money and expenses, for his services in the
service of the Free State, and particularly for his services in the
fortress of Fort Verde, Northern Arizona, which may be paid, either
by himself or by the Free State Government, or by the
Government of the Free State, as he may desire, — and that the
Government of the Free State pay him such sum as he may require
for his services, and that no man be allowed to interfere with his
fortress or other works, constructed by or directed by him, — and that
the fort remain to him. — This shall be known as a Resolution
of the Legislature of the Free State, — General John C. Frémont remained
in the fort until the year 1862, — He was then compelled to leave it,
as he was ordered to do so by George W. Wood, — who had been
ordered to take the fort, and when he came he was brought
into the office of the Adjutant General, and when he was brought
with them to the Adjutant General's office. — In the year 1862
George W. Wood, Adjutant General, and General George M. Dodge,
was taken before the Adjutant General's office, and taken into it.
and there was a large number of men present. — There were some

and burnt him for some days, as this affiant was subsequently informed by John Peier who made his escape from them shortly afterwards. This affiant further states that he was acquainted with William Wells, and is well satisfied in his own mind that Wells was present and with the Indians when Capt. Brown was burnt. This affiant further states that Capt. George Brown was considered a brave man and while a soldier no ever lived and was esteemed as such. Brown had a son in the army of some rank in his day in, visiting women and children in the portion of the country.

From this affiant's testimony it appears that it does appear to me to be the opinion of this affiant that Captain George Brown, at the time when although he was burnt as yet the circumstances above related are as facts in this case as I have been informed by him up to that time.

This affiant states that Fort Jefferson was at what is called now the Iron Banks, on the Mississippi River.

And further affiant saith not.



State of Kentucky
Jefferson County Sept 3rd

The foregoing deposition of John Dorned was taken, subscribed and sworn to by said Dorned, before me an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, and duly Commissioner. The said Dorned is a man of undoubted character and veracity, one of the oldest, and most respectable of our citizens.

Dear Justice Clerk of the County Court of Jefferson
County in the State of Kentucky do certify that on this day,
Samuel Dickinsone who has signed the foregoing certificate is
an Acting Justice of the Peace, in & for said County duly
commissioned & sworn, and that full faith & credit are
due to his official acts -

In Testimony whereof I am unto this day
hand, affixed my seal of office this 8th day
of February 1840 in the 48 year of the
Commonwealth.

Curran Pope

State of Kentucky
Jefferson County 2 Oct.

I, Samuel Churchill, the presiding
Justice of the Jefferson County Court do certify that
Curran Pope whose name is signed to the foregoing Certificate
is and was at the time of signing the same the regularly qualified
Clerk of Said County Court of Jefferson and that all his
official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit as
will in Courts of Justice as elsewhere and that the foregoing certificate
is in due form of Law. In testimony whereof I have hereunto
signed my name this 28th of February 1840 -

Samuel Churchill

State of Kentucky
Jefferson County - Oct

I, Curran Pope Clerk of the County
Court of Jefferson County in the State of Kentucky do certify
that Samuel Churchill above has signed the foregoing
Certificate is the presiding Justice in Said County Court of

Sous. No Feb'y. 37. 1840

We, the undersigned, State that we have known Captain John Morris who has deposed to the foregoing Statement, and we inform whatever facts only the deposition is intended for that the deponent is personally known to us, and we are pleased to say he is a gentleman of honesty and unimpeached integrity and that whatever he states to be true may be implicitly relied upon.

Henry Pitt
J. Marshall